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Column One
By David Courtney

MR. Strachey is in Trieste. This debatable city and its hinterland have swung back into the acute priorities. The "People's Front" in the Free Territory, which is said to get its instructions from Belgrade, has gone back upon its policy of direct Italo-Yugoslav negotiations for a solution of the Trieste problem outside the "unworkable" peace treaty. It now wants the Italian peace treaty's terms to be applied and the territory's two zones to be unified. It wants a constituent assembly for the free territory, which would be composed of a "zonal council" elected from the Anglo-American zone, together with the similar body elected last year in the Yugoslav zone; and it puts the nationalization of the Trieste shipyards, steel-works and other key industries, as well as the banning of Italian irredentist movements, at the head of its programme. It is pretty much the Cominform idea, and the Italians will have none of it.

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THE Italians are pushing hard in Washington, London and Paris for their own notions of what would be proper for the Trieste territory. They are using the argument that one of these days, which may be soon, the Russians or their allies will descend upon Yugoslavia and that unless the Italians are given the right to build fortifications in the Trieste area, the Russians or their allies or both will have an open road into Italy; and besides, if Britain and America want the territory to be effectively defended, they had better be good to the Italians who make up the big majority of the population in the Anglo-American zone. Italy's argument is integrated into her demand for a revision of the Italian peace treaty. What she really wants is the abrogation of the peace treaty, and complete freedom from its military clauses, which she considers as offensive and absurd in view of her full membership in the Atlantic Pact.

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MR. Strachey's visit to the territory will not be directly concerned with political problems. His interest will be in the defensive capacity of the area. Washington is certain that the Russians are planning a coup of one kind or another in Yugoslavia; and has half convinced the British, whose intelligence reports are said to show that Marshal Tito's army, although numerous, is not very well equipped. These reports also indicate that Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria have a tank lead of roughly five to one over Yugoslavia, as well as some 600,000 men to Yugoslavia's 300,000. Naturally, the Italians are worried; and just as naturally, the British and American governments are interested to see what would be the chances of defending the Trieste territory if Yugoslavia proper were overrun.

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MARSHAL Tito believes that he could stand up against anything that might be thrown at him if the British and the Americans were to send aircraft, tanks and artillery. He asked for military aid last month, completely reversing his policy of a month or two earlier, in which it was stated that Yugoslavia would keep clear of Western "entanglement." The request is still under consideration, but newspaper correspondents in Athens and Belgrade say that both capitals are completely confident of the Western Powers' willingness to arm Yugoslavia. Moscow and its allies look upon the request, and will certainly look upon a favourable response, as provocation.

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MATTERS between Yugoslavia and Russia have not been improved as a result of the Danube Conference, which met at Galatz, in Rumania, last week. Yugoslavia complains that the Danube States of East Europe are blocking her river link with West Germany, so that the increasing trade between the two countries, and the flow of surplus military stores from West Germany to Yugoslavia, have to go by rail. Belgrade is now threatening reprisals, and London and Washington fear that some new incident might easily mean still more serious trouble.

Tel Aviv, May 28.

Oil Company 'Observer' For Teheran

LONDON, Sunday (AP).—The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company informed Iran today it would send a representative to meet with the country's oil nationalization board, but that he will only be able to listen and "report to the company headquarters in London." The company made public here a letter delivered in Teheran today to the Iranian Minister of Finance.

The letter said the company's resident manager in Iran, Mr. N.R. Seddon, would attend one meeting of the board as "a measure of respect to the Imperial Government and the Iranian parliament."

The same letter, signed by Sir William Fraser, chairman of the company, also informed the Finance Minister that the company had asked the President of the International Court of Justice at The Hague to appoint an arbitrator in the dispute.

It reiterated, however, the company's willingness to try to resolve the dispute by discussion and agreement.

The letter referred to the Iranian ultimatum to the company to help plan its nationalization or be taken over without consultation, requiring the company to nominate a representative by May 30 to help put the nationalization in effect.

In Teheran today, Mr. George Middleton, Counsellor at the British Embassy, acting for his Ambassador Sir Francis Shepherd who is indisposed, today handed Foreign Minister Kazemi a note informing the Persian Government that Britain had referred the oil dispute to The Hague International Court.

'No Arbitration'

Later, Nazem Hassibi, Persian Finance Ministry representative on the oil nationalization board, said in Teheran that Persia would not submit its dispute to any impartial arbitrator or international body, even the Security Council.

"There is no such thing as a neutral in the world today," he added.

The "Observer," commenting on the Persian oil dispute, today called in an editorial for a radical change in the Western Powers, present arrangements for exploiting oil resources in the Middle East.

"One lesson which has emerged most clearly from the post-war years is that the resources of economically backward areas will in future be available to the West only if the West is ready to treat these countries as its political equals. This lesson has been learnt by Britain in Southern Asia. It should be speedily applied by Britain and America in the Middle East."

Israel Winning Inflation Fight

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "The country is on the way to defeating inflation," Mr. David Horowitz, Economic Adviser to the Government, said here tonight. Inflation could be overcome by balancing the budget, control of distribution, greater savings and restricting credits. He was speaking in the Tel Aviv Museum under the auspices of the High School for Law and Economics.

Mr. Horowitz disclosed that in the first quarter of 1951 exports brought in IL.5,700,000 in foreign exchange compared with IL.1,800,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Horowitz said that immigration, security and building were the causes of inflation. Hence there was no way to eliminate causes once the country decided on a course of bringing in immigrants first and worrying about their absorption afterwards.

Figures cited by Mr. Horowitz to show that the rate of production was catching up with the growth of the population were:

1). The number of wage earners increased by 27 per cent in 1950, whereas the population had increased by 18 per cent, and

2). In 1950, 18 per cent of the wage-earners were in agriculture, as compared with 15 per cent in 1949.

Mr. Horowitz said, however, that for production to catch up with the growth of population would not be enough as even before the State was created the country had been only 50 per cent self-sufficient.

More U.S. Troops Reach Europe

BREMERHAVEN, Sunday (AP). — 1,300 American soldiers, who landed here today to begin a big reinforcement of U.S. troops guarding Western Europe, were welcomed by cheering Germans, leading U.S. officers and high-ranking generals in General Dwight Eisenhower's North Atlantic Command.

The 1,300 who arrived today are part of the Fourth Infantry Division, the vanguard of four American divisions being sent overseas in a reinforcement programme which will nearly triple the effective fighting strength of U.S. land forces in Europe.

Sino-Tibetan Agreement Claimed

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter). — An agreement for the "peaceful liberation" of Tibet by the Central People's Government of China was signed in Peking last Wednesday, Peking radio said tonight.

The radio said the agreement followed negotiations between representatives of the Chinese Central People's Government and the Tibetan "Regional Government."

Confusion Mounts on NATO; Eisenhower May Have to Decide

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday.—The backstage dispute over the Mediterranean defence setup has taken another turn and the confusion is now so great that there is talk of letting General Eisenhower make his own decision without waiting for the various governments to agree on all the outstanding points. It is believed that he favours an extension of his present command area to include Greece but not Turkey.

If this is conceded he would then establish a separate southern command with an Italian general in charge of land forces and a British admiral in command of naval affairs. This would make it possible for the decision on Turkey to be postponed.

At the moment this scheme has some likelihood of being accepted. It is favoured by the French, who oppose Turkey's inclusion in the pact and in some ways has the support of the British government, but not, it seems, of Mr. Churchill. Mr. Churchill's opinion is taken seriously in Washington since he is expected to be back in office soon.

Two main obstacles are in the way: First, the Americans, while willing to scrap the Fechteler Command in the Atlantic, are reluctant to let the British Navy control the Mediterranean where there are now 70 American ships against 30 British. Secondly, the American Air Force badly wants bomber bases in Turkey which the Turkish government refuses to concede unless it is formally included in the Atlantic Pact.

French Opposition

This again is opposed by France and Britain, not because they are indifferent to Turkey's security but because they dislike the idea of giving the Atlantic Pact an aspect so obviously threatening to Russia. "The Times" has made it clear recently that letting the American Air Force creep up to the Soviet frontier is not in the British government's view a good way of preserving world peace.

Mr. Churchill thinks otherwise. He is all for American bases in Turkey and for letting the Americans have the Mediterranean command. The U.S. Navy, as he often points out, is unique in having carriers large enough to launch atomic air attacks.

There is reason to believe that the eventual solution will be more complicated: a British Supreme Commander, possibly Lord Mountbatten, with an American admiral in control of all the Mediterranean navies and under him four operational naval commands—Gibraltar, with a British commander; Western Mediterranean and Eastern Mediterranean, with a British Commander, plus a British land command in charge of Mid-Eastern ground forces.

Under the scheme apparently favoured in Paris and by General Eisenhower, the Greek problem would be solved by placing Greece under the land command. This idea is disliked here and in any case it leaves the Turkish issue in the air. The Turks have now made it clear that they do not propose to turn their country into another Korea and that formal inclusion in the Atlantic Pact is regarded by them as the only guarantee against such an event.

This is where the real deadlock lies.

Diamond Allocation To Israel Doubled

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The allocation of raw diamonds for Israel in June will be double the usual amount, the world diamond syndicate has informed the local syndicate. There was also a double allocation for Israel in May, when two normal allocations were made at different times.

The usual allocation is between IL.220,000 and IL.230,000.

Regular Supply Of Meat Promised

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A regular supply of meat has been assured, and rations will be issued regularly each week in the near future, Mr. P. Lavon, Minister of Agriculture and Food, told a conference of the "Women's League for the Defence of the Customer" here today. He admitted that a black market existed, but said that it was not large as far as foodstuffs were concerned.

Mr. Lavon said that he thought the veteran residents of the country could have done much more than they did to help uphold the Government's policy to assist the absorption of new immigrants.

The Ministry of Agriculture was now preparing plans for the reorganization of the food industry, the speaker said. As a result rations of sweets and chocolate would be issued.

Mr. H. Hollander, Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, told his audience of women that there would soon be a considerable increase in the amount of clothing and footwear obtainable in the shops. He announced that in the future furniture manufacturers would be permitted to make only utility furniture.

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Austin Tells Curie 'Appeal to Moscow'

NEW YORK, (AP). — Mr. Warren Austin, U.S. delegate to the U.N., in a letter to Communist Professor Joliot Curie, today advised Communist peace propagandists to appeal first to Moscow and Peking.

Mr. Austin's letter — released about the time it should be delivered in Paris —answered an appeal from Professor Curie to support the appearance of a delegation from the Communist-dominated world peace council.

"If your delegation honestly desires to make a contribution to peace," Mr. Austin wrote, "I suggest it visit Moscow and urge the Soviet-ruling circle to abide by the U.N. Charter and other international agreements to which it is pledged."

The letter continued, "Your delegation should then proceed to Peking and urge the ruling circles there to end its aggression in Korea, withdraw its forces, and let the Korean people organize the independent, unified and democratic nation U.N. seeks for them.

"In Moscow you could urge the leaders of world Communism to abandon their declared aims of taking over other peoples' countries by the well-known totalitarian tactics which led Hitler to disaster."

Parachutists To Aid Plane Search

Parachutists will be dropped near Goose Bay, Labrador today if the weather permits, to aid in the search for the Israel Mosquito missing near there for ten days, a "Maariv" correspondent reports. The parachutists will prepare a landing ground for helicopters who so far have been unable to land near a small village which reported having sighted a plane landing nearby.

Weather conditions have constantly obstructed the search, in which U.S. and Canadian authorities have been most helpful.

Israel, Syria To Meet on Huleh Dispute Today

The Israel-Syrian M.A.C. will meet without an agenda at 11 a.m. today at Rosh Pina, an Israel source stated yesterday.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced last night that a strong protest had been made by Israel to the M.A.C. on the repeated violation of the demilitarized zone by Syrian aircraft yesterday.

Two war-planes flew in from Syria over Tel el Mutellla in the demilitarized zone at 10.45 a.m. and then returned in the direction of Syria. At 11.30 a.m. two planes again appeared from Syrian territory and flew at great height over Hagovrim in the central demilitarized zone. At 12.05 p.m. the two planes reappeared and flew from north to south down the central zone before returning to Syria.

The talks will be attended by Major-General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, who called the meeting after a series of discussions with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Syrian authorities on the Huleh issue.

According to a "New York Times" cable from Damascus, Col. Adib Shishakly, Syrian Chief of Staff, stated in a press conference on Friday that Syrian representatives would now attend today's meeting following the news that Israel had evacuated the earth-removal machinery from the zone south of Lake Huleh.

Israel is expected to demand that Syria sign the cease-fire agreement drafted a few weeks ago during the informal M.A.C. meeting at Nakura, but which Syria has since refused to endorse.

There was no indication last night whether General Riley had been successful in obtaining the consent of Syria to this condition.

The Israel delegation will be composed of Sgan-Aloof S. Rampil, Rav-Seren Z. Shoham, and Rav-Seren Hanegbi.

Jordan Asks MAC to Postpone Probe of Border Clashes

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — U.N. Observers have requested a postponement until later this week of the investigations into the Dawayima incident, due to have been carried out on the Israel side of the border today, an Israel Army spokesman has said here. They made the request as the investigation on the Jordan side of the frontier, which should have taken place last Friday, had been postponed at the request of the Jordan authorities.

It is understood that the Observer had wished to go to the spot via Idna village, but the mukhtar stopped him, saying "the Jews are still shooting."

There was no shooting in the area on Thursday, a spokesman said today, nor had any Israel troops been there.

It is thought, a spokesman said, that the Observer was denied access to the area because damaging evidence, particularly that of the presence of the armoured cars, is still there. There may also still be irregulars in the area who have not yet withdrawn.

The incident started when an Israel patrol was attacked by armed Arab shepherds inside Israel last Tuesday. The shepherds were forced back across the lines with their flocks after an exchange of fire in which the Jordan National Guard took part.

On Wednesday, the Arabs brought up reinforcements which included three Legion armoured cars, and attacked the Israel unit. The shooting which followed continued until 6 p.m. Two Israel soldiers were wounded, while the Arabs suffered heavy losses, an Israel spokesman said.

The decision to send a survey team to the spot was taken at Thursday's meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission which convened near Dawayima, not far from the scene of the incident.

An Israel Army patrol fired over the heads of 60 Jordan workers who entered the no-man's-land area near Latrun on Saturday, it was learned in Jerusalem last night.

Israel Army sources last night denied any knowledge of alleged shooting in the former Government House area, in Jerusalem, on Saturday.

According to an Ammon report yesterday, Israel soldiers opened fire at a number of Arab civilians in the area.

Allies Surge Into Hwachon

TOKYO, Sunday (AP).— Allied forces today surged into Hwachon, 11 kms inside North Korea, and seized two other road centres in lightning pincer thrusts. The central escape corridors were slammed shut on thousands of demoralised Communist troops. The Chinese abandoned huge supply dumps on both the central and east central fronts as they ran for their lives.

Field dispatches said that scores of disorganized groups of Communists were surrounded in "unprecedented numbers" throughout the day by U.N. rear-line units.

Within half an hour two U.S. 2nd Division armoured forces hotfoot up both the north and south ends of an important escape route into North Korea for thousands of Chinese. With only slight opposition they seized the road junction at Inje, four miles north of the 38th Parallel, and Hyon, four miles south of the pre-war boundary.

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Chiefs Feared 'More MacA. Violations'

WASHINGTON, Sunday. (UP). — U.N. military chiefs feared that General MacArthur might go from one policy violation to another, General J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, told the Senate Inquiry on General MacArthur's dismissal yesterday.

General MacArthur had sent U.S. troops to the Manchurian border against Washington's clear policy of only using South Koreans in that area, General Collins said on the last day of his testimony before the inquiry. "He should have consulted the Joint Chiefs of Staff first," General Collins said, explaining that the incident made the Joint-Chiefs of Staff fear he might violate policy "in some other instance of a more serious nature."

General Collins did not specify what such an instance might have been, but insisted throughout the inquiry that General MacArthur's demands for an expanded Korean war "did not cause World War III with Soviet Russia."

UJA Drive Hits $44m. As Ben Gurion Ends Tour

Congressmen Urge Special Grant

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — One hundred and fifty-five Representatives from 30 states today urged the early passage of the $150m. grant-in-aid bill now pending in both Houses of Congress. The declaration was released on the heels of President Truman's message calling for $9,500m. in foreign economic and military aid. Ignoring the special grant for Israel, the President asked Congress to appropriate $125 million for assistance to the entire Middle East, including Israel.

The declaration, signed by both Republicans and Democrats is a rare example of bi-partisan cooperation and serves notice on the Administration that it faces stiff opposition at least regarding those parts of the recommendations referring to the Middle East. The majority of the House Foreign Affairs Committee signed the declaration, which seems to assure favourable consideration by that body when it takes up the Israel aid bill.

The statement reads in part: "It is the sense of the undersigned that the U.S. should now grant economic assistance to the Government of Israel in order to assist it in absorbing its large influx of immigration and developing its natural resources and industries so that with its security and independence Israel may become a military, economic and ideological bastion for the free world in the Middle East, aiding in the maintenance of world peace, security and liberty and thereby promoting the general welfare and security of the U.S."

Passage of the measure would continue the "traditional policy of Congress shown by the Joint Resolution passed in September 1922 favouring Jewish aspirations in Palestine and the concurrent Resolutions of December 20, 1945, favouring free Jewish immigration into and unrestricted development of Palestine as a democratic commonwealth" the statement concluded.

Prime Minister Talks With U.S. Oilmen

POST Correspondent

CHICAGO, Sunday. — Mr. Ben Gurion this afternoon is meeting a party of Jewish oilmen to discuss a report just submitted by Messrs. Max and Douglas Ball, who on the basis of a geological survey of Israel conducted last year, reported the possibility of finding oil in commercial quantities in seven districts.

The Balls, father and son, are expert oil geologists, and this is the first time that positive oil findings have been reported. Findings are based on a study of the terrain, geological formations and surveys by local geologists as well as the experience of British companies who drilled without success.

Additional seismographic and geophysical studies costing hundreds of thousands of dollars are still to be undertaken before prospectors will drill. The drilling itself may involve a capital risk of $30m. to $50m. in hard currency for machinery and experts' salaries.

Today's meeting was designed to explore the possibility of forming an initiatory group. A copy of the report has been sent to Mr. George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East, who is himself an oilman.

Knesset to Vote On Defence Law Issue

The Knesset, which reassembles today in Jerusalem, is due to debate the constitutional question of whether the House may issue executive orders to the Government. If the decision is in the affirmative, the Legislature will vote on motions by Opposition groups for the release of members of the Zealots League held under the Defence (Emergency) Regulations.

The position is that Acting Premier Sharett, who first raised the constitutional issue last week by objecting to a Knesset vote on the release proposals, is prepared to waive the objection and permit the House to vote on the question. The Opposition, however, now insist on a decision on the constitutional principle before voting on the specific instance at issue. The issue is listed sixth on the agenda.

Huleh Debate

The other big issue this week will be the debate on the Security Council Resolution of May 18 ordering Israel to halt the drainage of the Huleh marshlands. Mr. Sharett is expected to make a statement at the beginning of the debate.

Opposition parties are certain to try to make election capital out of the unfavourable Security Council decision. Even the Religious Bloc and the General Zionists, who hitherto supported the general lines of the Government's foreign policy, are expected to take a critical stand.

The first five items on the agenda cover routine legislation.

Zealots Case Will Open on Wednesday

The preliminary inquiry into the case of Eliahu Raful, Yehuda Ridder, Noah Wormser, and Eliahu Mordecai, under arrest in connection with the alleged Knesset incident of May 14, is to open on Wednesday before Magistrate J. Cohen.

State Attorney E.S. Shimron yesterday submitted the indictment to the Magistrates' Court. It contains substantially the same charges as those contained in the order of arrest.

There are now 27 charges altogether, which are mainly technical elaborations of those already submitted. The only new offence charged is cited in paragraphs 25, 26, and 27, and accuses the suspects of having sent threats in writing to the Kadar, Neder, and Israel Taxi Companies that their cars would be destroyed if they continue to use them on Saturdays.

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By Ted R. Lurie

CHICAGO, Sunday. — While Prime Minister Ben Gurion was arriving here this morning for the U.J.A. Conference, it was learned that this year's cash receipts for the Appeal have already mounted to $44 million. Today the representatives of 80 key communities at the National Action Conference Luncheon presented donations amounting to $15 million.

As Vice-President Barkley delayed his plane departure from Chicago today in order to meet Mr. Ben Gurion, the "Sun-Times" headlined "Barkley Hints Israel Support in Syria Dispute." Mr. Barkley, however, mentioned he doesn't make policy, but said "swamps need to be drained and reclaimed" — which statement the paper calls an apparent move to support Israel in her controversy with Syria.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben Gurion, passing from Los Angeles sunshine to a Chicago drizzle, were met most cordially; the photographers busy while a women's delegation presented Mrs. Ben Gurion with a bouquet.

Outside his hotel, the Prime Minister warmly greeted a motorcycle policeman who crashed last week while escorting Mr. Ben Gurion's party, but is now fully recovered.

During his final afternoon in Los Angeles, the Prime Minister saw a special showing of "King Solomon's Mines" at the M-G-M studios and talked with actors for newsreels and posed for photographs.

Tonight the Prime Minister returns to New York.

'Police Are Core Of Democracy'-Sharett

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Addressing a conference of Police commanders here today, Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Acting Prime Minister, said that the wide-spread anxiety over accusations made against the Police in connection with the detention of the Zealots had caused the Government to have immediate inquiries instituted.

He wished in no way to influence these investigations, or to withdraw the praise for the Police which he had expressed in the Knesset some days ago in connection with the uncovering of the plot. At the same time, there were certain principles which he would emphasize: Police commanders must be particularly concerned with training the force to understand their responsibility toward the public.

"Every policeman must know that the good name of the force and the honour of the nation depend on his behaviour. Every policeman must consider himself responsible for the entire service," Mr. Sharett said.

The Acting Prime Minister prefaced his remarks by recalling his praise for the Police in the Knesset recently. "I do not intend to retract anything of what I said," he declared.

The tasks of the Police are many times more difficult than those of the Army, Mr. Sharett said. The Army functions mainly in times of emergency, while the Police are in constant daily and hourly contact with the public.

The combination of special qualities required of a good policeman, among them courtesy, self-control, accuracy, speed of decision, absolute integrity, and calmness cannot be acquired, he said, without long and arduous training.

The tasks of the Police force are by no means easy, he said. "We must not only plant anew, but also uproot the old. We have successfully destroyed much that was bad in the Police tradition we inherited from the regime that preceded the State of Israel. But it appears that we have not completely wiped out all that was bad."

Special Responsibility

"A policeman must never raise his hand against anybody except to prevent a crime, to prevent disorder, or to protect himself from attack," Mr. Sharett declared.

"In every state, besides the regular lawbreakers, there may appear individuals and groups that strike at the state's foundations. This is all the more true in a state such as ours which is still in its first stages of development. The state will act with the full severity of the law against such persons, but we have a special responsibility to afford them humane treatment. The problem of the treatment of the political offender is at the very core of our democracy," the Acting Prime Minister concluded.

TOURISTS
meet for tea at the
KING DAVID HOTEL

Social & Personal

Mr. Y. Sahar, Inspector-General of Police, will attend the annual conference of the International Police Organization which will convene at the beginning of next month in Lisbon.

A reception was held for Miss Ida Chaneli at the home of Mrs. A. Berners in Tel Benyamin on Friday by the Ladies Committee of the Tel Aviv Museum.

Dr. E. Gottesman, Chief Chemist, C.R.L., has left by Air France for Europe to attend the Third World Petroleum Congress at The Hague.

Mr. A. Grunberg (Grindea), Manager of "Patria" Travel Agency, Paris, has been transferred in the same capacity to the Head Office, Tel Aviv.

Prof. Raymond M. Fuoss, of Yale University, visiting Israel as guest of the Weizmann Institute of Science, will lecture on "Electrical Properties of Polymers and Synthetic Insulation," at 8 tonight at the Hebrew Institute of Technology, Haifa.

Mr. A. Yaffe, of the Foreign Ministry, will speak on "The Middle East in World Politics" before the Oriental Society, Haifa, at the Reali School at 8.30 tonight.

The programme of this evening's meeting in Tel Aviv in connection with Maritime Day will include a piano recital by Miss Pnina Salzman and speeches by Mr. Bar-Kochba Meyerovitz, Director of the Ports, Sea and Air Division of the Ministry of Communications, and Mayer I. Rokach. The meeting, at the Ohel Shem Hall, begins at 8.30.

BIRTH AND BRITH MILAH

SAREL. — To Judith (nee Goldschmidt), wife of Zvi Sarel (Streit), on May 25, 1951 — a son. The Brith Milah will take place on Wednesday, May 30, 1951 at 11 a.m. at the Assutah Hospital, Tel Aviv. This is the only intimation.

BIRTH

WEIZMANN — To Reumah (nee Schwartz) and Aloof-Mishneh Ezer Weizmann, on May 27, at 57 Lancaster Grove, London, N.W.3 — a son.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Dr. E. Hoffman, late President of the Israel Bar Association, will be held by the Association in the hall of the Tel Aviv Museum at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Owing to a Government party, the restaurant of the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem, will be closed tomorrow night, Tuesday, May 29. (Advt.)

Histadrut Memorial For Late Minister

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut will erect a memorial for the late David Remez. This was announced by Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut Executive, at a memorial meeting held by the Executive today. The nature of the memorial will be decided by a special committee.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Knesset Speaker, and among those present were the widow and son of the late Minister of Education.

Yale Philosopher To Lecture Here

Prof. Paul Weiss, Professor of Philosophy at Yale, has arrived in Israel as the guest of the Hebrew University. He will serve as Visiting Professor in the Department of Philosophy during the summer term, dealing particularly with questions related to ontology, ethics and selected problems in the philosophy of Aristotle. He will also deliver a series of public lectures on more general problems.

Professor Weiss is the author of a number of fundamental works on philosophy, as well as the founder and editor of the "Review of Metaphysics."

ORCHESTRA
ALL TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD
for Pension Fund Concert on June 2, and for ARRAU RECITAL on June 5, Tel Aviv.
SECOND RECITAL — REPEAT PERFORMANCE
Tel Aviv, "Ohel-Shem," Sunday, June 10, at 8.30 p.m.
Sale of tickets from today at the I.P.O. Box Office, 11—2, 4—6.

The Hebrew National
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Premiere Performances
TEL AVIV: ... Tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 at 8.30 p.m.
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EDE DE PHILIPPE
Director: ... Conductor: H. Goldstein
Stage Designer: P. Levy
Chief Master: S. Barkan

Foreign Economic Notes

Gov't Loan In Syria

The Banque de Syrie et du Liban, a French bank which has the sole right of note issue in Syria, has made an advance of LS 14m. (£6.25m. at the official rate and £4m. at the free rate) to the Syrian Government. The advance is repayable in 10 instalments of £1.4m. each, starting June 30, 1952.

Exchange Facilities In Italy, Greece

Under a recent Italian decree, a foreign exchange guarantee has been authorized for purchases of machines and equipment from the sterling area. The enterprises concerned will receive sterling allocations against payment in lire at the current rate of exchange.

In Greece, exports through private barter are to be paid at rates varying from 45,700 to 46,500 drachmas per U.S. dollar, compared with the official rate of 15,000 drachmas, and from 106,000 to 109,500 drachmas per pound sterling, against the official rate of 42,000 drachmas. Premiums for barter transactions in other currencies are equally high.

Drop in Jordan Export Trade

Jordan's exports and re-exports totalled JD.3.5m. in 1950, compared with JD.5.7m. in 1949 (JD.1—$2.80). These figures include re-exports of construction materials by oil companies (Iraq Petroleum Company and Tapline) to Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, which amounted to JD.1.5m. in 1950. Syria and Lebanon remain the principal markets for Jordan exports. In 1950 they purchased about 75 per cent of total exports, mainly wheat, barley, sesame, olive oil, and raw wool.

Rise in U.S. Corporate Earnings

Annual reports of 3,304 American corporations in all major lines of business show a combined net income in 1950 of approximately $13.6 billion after taxes, compared with $10.5 billion in 1949, an increase of 30 per cent.

Net assets of these corporation at the beginning of 1950 aggregated $101.9 billion, upon which the year's net income represented an average return of 12.3 per cent.

Soviet-Iraq Trade Pact

A barter agreement has been concluded between Iraq and the Soviet Union which provides Iraq with Russian merchandise (mainly agricultural machinery, motor cars, newsprint, electrical equipment, cotton piece goods, and sugar) in exchange for dates, maize, wool, and hides.

Optometry Recognized Abroad

By a Special Correspondent

THE right of optometrists to practise in Israel has recently been challenged in the courts. At the present moment, eight optometrists are working in this country, all of them non-medical specialists in testing eyes and prescribing and fitting glasses.

Optometry is sometimes defined as the science and art of investigating all physiologico-optical defects of vision, including those of refraction and of ocular muscle function, and correcting or aiding them by means of lenses, prisms, contact lenses, muscle training and similar measures.

Eye examination has been practised by optometrists (or opticians as they were then called) since the 13th century, in fact, long before ophthalmology ever became a medical speciality.

Persons who wish to enter the profession of Optometry in countries where it is recognized must study at a recognized College or University for a period varying from three to six years (depending on the degree sought) before being eligible to sit for the qualifying examination. The course includes such subjects as ocular anatomy and physiology, theoretical and practical optics, refraction, orthoptics, recognition of ocular disease and the use of certain instruments and their techniques, as well as attendance at a hospital for clinical training.

Optometry is recognized and practised in most countries though not in Israel. In every State in America, optometrists practise under the jurisdiction of professional Boards which were established by legislation as far back as 1902, the same being true of Canada and the majority of the British Dominions as well as Italy, France, Sweden and Switzerland. In Great Britain, more than three-quarters of the eye examinations are performed by registered optometrists who now form part of the Government Health Service.

It is generally considered an advantage if Optometry that the person who prescribes the glasses also supplies them, he being responsible to the patient both for their accuracy and comfort.

The optometrist is also trained to detect ocular disease in the early stages and is required to refer these cases to the proper quarters for immediate diagnosis and treatment.

Third Constellation Due in June

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — El Al's third Constellation aircraft is expected here in about three weeks' time, when it will be put into service on the airline's regular routes.

Plans are now being discussed for the extension of El Al's services eastward, it is learned here. Details are not yet complete, and any new service will not begin operations until later in the summer.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
TEL AVIV: 62.9; 32.8 & 522 M.:

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.30 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 6 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 1 p.m.

8.00 a.m. Service. 8.30 Exercises. 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.50 Music of the People (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Overture in C minor (Foroni); Fantasy on Two Themes (Taylor); "Scherzo" (Wilson); "Grand Canyon" Suite (Grofe). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Schlosser Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

1.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.00 Oriental Music: R. Ahared. 4.30 Vocal Recital: Paula Maker: Operas. 5.00 Variety (R). 5.30 Child's Cinema. 5.45 Interlude. 6.00 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "Echoes of the World": Talk by D. Sher. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "From Worker to Worker": Talk. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Programme for Policemen. 8.45 Recital: Eli Gamm & Doreen Stanfield: Sonata for Violin & Piano (Mozart). 9.15 The Curtain Rises: Play by G.B. Shaw. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Efraim Dinaur. 10.30 Recital: Sascha Perres & Moshe Lustig: Duo (Wahl); Sephardic Lullaby (Ben-Haim); Aria (Salomon); Madrigal (Rossi); Israel Dances (Lavry). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m., Yiddish; 7.30 p.m., Ladino; 7.40 p.m., French.

Kol Zion Legola (31.5 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 Vocal Recital: Shoshana Damari. 12.45 "Hebrew for Beginners": A. Rosen.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30: News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Questions & Answers.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (29, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Classical Request Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.33 Weekly Interview by D. Rivlin. 9.00 Programme for Policemen. 9.30 News. 9.40 Interlude. 9.45 Army Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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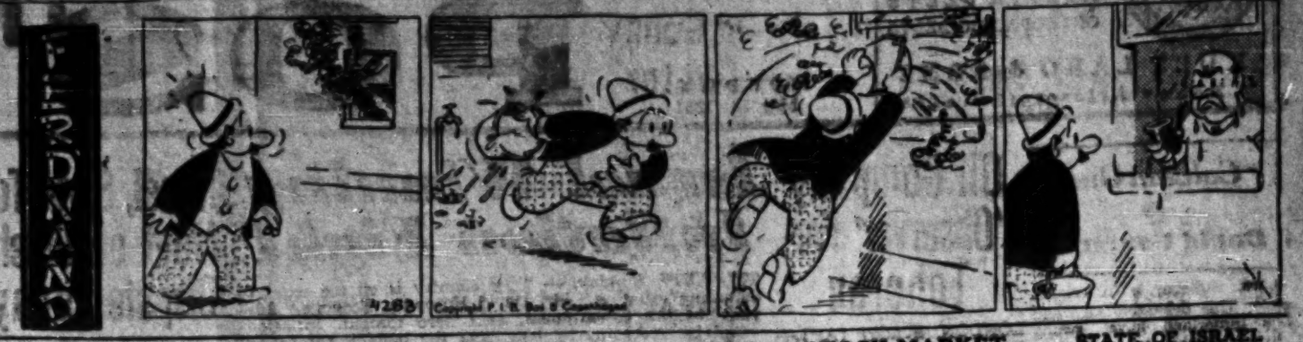

Paper Salvage Drive To be Extended

POST Reporter

In an effort to gather more waste materials, the Ministry of Trade and Industry plans to overhaul its salvage programme, it is learned in Jerusalem.

In place of a department in the Ministry to handle all phases of the work, each division will have a sub-unit to handle the salvage of materials affecting that division. One person will direct the overall programme.

A limited drive has been in operation, mainly in factories. A public campaign may be started soon, but it depends on the results of the waste paper salvage drive now being carried out on an experimental basis in parts of Tel Aviv.

A Trade Ministry spokesman said that the present campaign, which is limited to the collection of cigarette boxes, has had such marked success in the two Tel Aviv areas where it is being held that it will soon be expanded to all of the city and later to the entire country.

Should the paper drive become nation-wide, as is expected, collections will be made on a house-to-house basis. Children will be encouraged to organize collections in their homes and a truck will call at regular periods to pick up the paper.

No payments will be made for the paper because of the high costs involved in transportation and in converting the paper to carton.

Since 1,000 kilograms of waste paper yields 750 kilograms of carton, a successful salvage drive would overcome the carton shortage. If the paper drive is successful, similar campaigns will be made to reclaim used textiles, rubber and metal.

SHIPS IN HAIFA ON SUNDAY

Michael, Gr., dura. Marina, Tur., gen. cargo, cement. Corinthian, Br., loading juices. Steel Ranger, U.S., soya. Nicola Vaptzarov, Bul., coal. Ulises, It., cement. Megabchari, Pan., gen. cargo. Gerried, Is., waiting to offload. Hasab Senash, Is., waiting to offload. Shark, Tur., waiting to offload. Ilienso, Pan., wheat. China Bear, U.S., gen. cargo, wood. Agbios Nicolaos, Gr., wood. Sadikfar, Tur., gen. cargo. Bhee, It., wood. Kommenist, Is., waiting to offload. Haifa, Is., gen. cargo. Dromit, Is., wood. Karamanet, Tur., wood. Hamered, Is., bagged cargo. Marbete, It.

SHIPS EXPECTED

27.5 Venerator, wood. Henrietta, steel pipes, wood, gen. cargo. Atlantic, sugar.

28.5 Transilvania, immigrants, imm.'s effects, gen. cargo. Grecian, gen. cargo. Albania, passengers, gen. cargo.

30.5 Rio Quinto, frozen meat.

31.5 Montrosito, dura.

10.6 Messerni, gen. cargo, cement, coal.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7 & 9 p.m.

EDEN: Devil's Doorway.
EDISON: The White Tower (7 & 9). At 3.30: Tarzan and the Huntress.
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At the Cinema

"THE White Tower" (Edison, Jerusalem), directed by Ted Tetzlaff, is a first rate picture in Technicolor about a foolhardy mountain-climbing expedition, suggested by the young daughter, Alida Valli, of a mountaineer. She is supported by a young U.S. architect, Glenn Ford; a German ex-flyer, Lloyd Bridges; a scientist, Sir Cedric Hardwicke; and, among others, a drunkard writer, Claude Rains. The high mountain adventure is breath-taking, but what makes the picture gripping is the psychological panorama that develops around the different characters.

Lovable Counterfeiter

"MISTER 880" (Orion) is a tragi-comedy, based on a "New Yorker" story, about a 73-year-old ex-skipper, Edmund Gwenn, a most lovable and kind-hearted character. He outwits the police in counterfeiting one-dollar notes, but does so only when he is badly in need of them. He never plants the money twice in the same place and even tries to prove that by using his own press he saves the government money. Gwenn's performance surpasses his retired professor in "Apartment for Peggy" and his Santa Claus in "A Miracle on 34th Street." Burt Lancaster, for a change, plays a human secret service agent; the girl is Dorothy McGuire.

FRANGO

Lindtberg Produces 'Mutter Courage'

Leopold Lindtberg, the producer, who worked with Habimah 15 years ago and who produced "The Shadow" at the Tel Aviv Chamber Theatre at the beginning of 1950, arrived in this country recently and is now rehearsing Bert Brecht's "Mutter Courage" with the Habimah ensemble.

The work has a pacifist tendency. It is set in 17th century Germany with the Thirty Years' War as the background. A camp-follower, who will be played by Hanna Rovina, is the main character.

In the opinion of Lindtberg, "Mutter Courage" represents the most important social drama in the German language since Gerhart Hauptmann wrote "Die Weber" at the end of the last century. Mo.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 3.0: New acquisitions from Germany and France, including works and books illustrated by French artists. Exhibit of the Month: Magnasco Painting: Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Paintings & Drawings by Jerusalem Artists: Artists' House.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Retrospective Exhibition Albert Marquet: Recent works by Kikoine: Tel Aviv Museum.

8.30 p.m.: "Enemy of the People." Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilel.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 3 Hassan Shukri Street.

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British Envoy To Open Dundee Game

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Dundee football team which arrived in Israel on Thursday night will play their first game in Israel at the Ramat Gan stadium on Wednesday when they meet Maccabi Tel Aviv.

This match will be the first played on the new pitch in the stadium, and kickoff at 5.30 will be preceded by a short dedication ceremony.

The British Minister to Israel, Sir Knox Helm, will kick-off the match, which will be interrupted after the first minute for two minutes silence in memory of Israel's war dead.

Special Dan buses will transport fans to the stadium while a special train will leave Haifa at 2.30, taking spectators to the stadium and will take them back at 8.30 the same evening. About 40,000 persons are expected to watch the match.

The visitors, who held their practice game in Israel on the Hapoel pitch here yesterday, were received on Friday by the Ramat Gan Municipality. They were entertained by Ramat Gan Maccabi last evening and toured Nazareth and Tiberias today.

FORTY-FOUR LEFT FOR DERBY

Forty-four horses were left for the famous Epsom Derby when the final forfeit stage was reached last Tuesday. The mile and a half race on the Epsom Downs track on May 30 is generally regarded as the most important three-year-old test in racing.

With so large a number of horses left in the race, there is a chance that a record number of starters will go to the post. Back in 1862, when Caratacus won, there were 34 starters, while the largest field in modern times was in 1949/1950, when 32 horses appeared.

The race starters include American and French contenders. France's Marcel Boussac, who originally had four entries, will be represented by Nyangal, one-time Winter favourite for the race. At Monday's callover, the horse was quoted at 66 to 1, but, after a great deal of money had been placed on him, the price dropped by Wednesday to 20 to 1.

William Woodward, New York banker, whose Prince Simon was beaten by a nose in the 1950 Derby, will challenge with his American trained Turco II. The horse's form, however, has not been impressive. Mrs. Josephine Bryce will be represented by North Carolina, who a week earlier won the mile and a half Derby Trial Stakes at Lingfield Park. Both these American horses are trained in the Newmarket Stable of Captain Boyd Rochfort. King George's jockey, Harry Carr, will be on Turco II and Eph Smith will mount North Carolina.

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"A" Ord. Sh.	180	—
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(large)	152½	153½
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Drawn Bonds due	122½	123½
A.P.E. Invest.		
4% Debs. 60/70	110½	111½
4% Debs. 61/71	110	111
4% Debs. 60/73	110	111
4½% Pref. Shares	114	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 48/63	92½	93½
4% Debs. 49/64	91½	92½
4% Debs. 58/66	91½	92½
4% Debs. 55/70	92½	93½
6% Pref. Sh.	108	109
Ord. Sh.	116	117
Bizur Debs.		
4% 49/64	92	93
4½% 52/66 reg.	92½	93½
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4% Debs. 59/59	91	92
6% Pref. Sh.	73½	74½
4% Pref. Sh.	71	72
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	68½	69½
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4% 49/64	87½	88½
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Ord. Sh.	139½	140½
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Ser. 3	8,050	8,150

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3½% War Loan	88½	88 3/16
5½% Brazil "B"	80	80
4% Japan	48½	50
Anglo-Iranian Oil	100/10½	102/6
Ashanti Goldfields	31/1½	31½
Brakpan	22½	22/6
British Aluminium	45/9	45/9
Burmah Oil	56/10½	58/9
Carreras "A" Ord.	118/9	118/9
Cons. Zinc	37/9	37/7½
Courtaulds Ord.	49/1½	49/3
De Beers Prof.	17½	17½
Dunlop Ord.	45/3	45/4½
Gen. Electric Ord.	92/6	92/6
General Mining	6½	6½
Hudson Bay	112/3	110/7½
I.C.I.	51/3	50/10½
Jurgs, Electric	11/-	11/-
Marks&SpencerOrd	98/6	98/7½
Mexican Eagles	24/3	23/9
Morris, Mot.	40/3	40/6
North Broken Hill	77/10½	77/9
Pal. Electric	20/-	20/-
Rhokana Corp.	22½	23½
Rosa Antelope	23/3	23/10½
Selection Trust	51/1½	50/7½
Shell Transport	95/-	95/7½
Simmer & Jack	7/3	7/3
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Also the following registration offices have been opened: — 1. Talpiot Transit Camp, Beith Tarbut. — 2. Baka's Quarter, Goldsmith School, on the main road, opp. former Aliya Cafe. — 3. German Colony, Histadrut Club, near Loy Cafe. — 4. Katamon, Spitzer School, 14 Rehov Hamalakhim. — 5. Geula Quarter, Offices of the Merkaz Agudat Israel, 23 Rehov Geula.

Public Reception hours at the Beth Ha'am Station will be: — Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays — 8.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays — 8.30 a.m.-12 noon; 3.30-6.30 p.m.

The Stations at the Talpiot Transit Camp, Baka's and German Colony will be open daily except Fridays from 4-7 p.m. The Katamon Station will be open from 3-7 p.m. The Geula Station — from 8 a.m.-12 noon and 4-8 p.m. The public is advised for their own convenience to apply to the station nearest to their domicile.

TO ALL DRIVERS

In the light of the serious tyre shortage, drivers must exert the utmost care regarding same with the approach of summer in order to use their tyres as long as possible.

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1) The Chairmen of the District Committees are requested to contact immediately the local Labour Exchanges for the selection of suitable clerks for the preparation of voters' lists.

The report on the recruiting of this personnel must be submitted by cable or telephone to Mr. Abrahami, Head of the Manpower Branch of the Central Election Committee (Tel. 62071, Tel Aviv).

2) Following are the telephone numbers of the District Committees:

District No.		
1	Jerusalem	4289
4	Rehovoth	396
5	Ramle	9
9	Ramat Gan	7300
10	Petah Tikva	282
14	Haifa	4266
16	Affula	120

3) The offices of District Committee No. 8, Tel Aviv-Jaffa, are situated at Beth Romano, 8 Rehov Jaffa-Tel Aviv, room No. 408, 4th floor. The meeting of No. 8 District Committee will take place tomorrow, May 29, at 8.30 p.m., at the Carlton Cafe, 9 Rothschild Blvd.

4) The meeting of District Committee No. 5, Ramle, which was fixed for tomorrow, May 29, has been postponed until further notice.

PARKING OF VEHICLES MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

The Controller of Road Transport announces that the parking of vehicles (except busses) is forbidden in all streets of Tel Aviv where there are bus lines, in accordance with By-Laws of the Tel Municipality of 1937.

This order is given in order to enable speedy and orderly traffic in these streets and also to ease bus queues.

In view of the fact that many drivers disregard this order, the Police will in a few days time start a vigorous drive against illegal parking, and action will be taken against offenders.

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Hakirya	49	16	27	27
Lydda	43	15	29	30
Jerusalem	53	17	26	27
Beersheba	43	18	29	30

FORECAST: Fair after dispersal of morning clouds.
A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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Air raid sirens in Tel Aviv will be tested tomorrow afternoon.

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A spark from a tractor set fire to 250 dunams of wheat in the fields of Kfar Asarish, near Ramle, on Sunday. The blaze was extinguished by the Rishon Le'Zion fire brigade and Ramle policemen.

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For hiding in a ship about to sail from Haifa port, Yarchmiel Wasserman was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by the Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday.

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For forging a Reservist's Army Book in March 1950, Zvi Welled, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to a year in prison by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

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A Butagaz container in the Nahariya restaurant in Tel Aviv exploded yesterday, and injured two men. An unskilled worker had placed a full container near a burning primus stove.

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Residents of Beersheba who submitted applications for Identity Cards before May 17 should collect their cards from the local registration office not later than Thursday.

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Sixty-six owners of signs in Tel Aviv who displayed them without obtaining municipal licences were fined from 250 pruta to IL.5 by the Municipal Court last week. The maximum fine is IL.20.

Opinion Given On Child's Testimony

Justice Dunkelblum yesterday gave it as his opinion that the testimony of a child against its parents is admissible in Court only when physical injury had been caused. Justices Witkon and Landau had agreed to admit the testimony without this stricture.

The question arose in the appeal of Haim Ben Zaharia Aricha, 37, sentenced to one year in prison by the District Court for illicit relations with his 17-year-old daughter. The Supreme Court granted the appeal, and pronounced the accused innocent. He has already served eight months of his sentence.

Justices Witkon and Landau, who were prepared to accept the girl's testimony, considered that there was need of corroborating evidence. Character testimony and the relations of the accused with other women were not such supporting facts as the law required.

The daughter had claimed in the District Court that after having twice run away from home, because of the advances which her father had made to her, he had relations with her in August, 1949. Aricha had countered these charges by accusing his daughter of taking part in a conspiracy against him.

Aricha was represented by Advocate Oren. Mr. C. Gluckman appeared for the Prosecution.

300 T.A., Jaffa Plumbers on Strike

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Some 300 plumbers employed on the construction of about 120 private buildings in Tel Aviv and Jaffa stopped work today to press for higher wages.

They claim that they are forced to buy materials on the black market, and that the present charges are fixed according to legal market prices at which materials cannot be obtained.

Corpus Christi Service In Ramle

RAMLE, Sunday (ITIM). — Some 600 worshippers crowded the Roman Catholic church here today for the Corpus Christi service. After prayers the congregation proceeded through the town, preceded by a group of white-dressed boys bearing crosses. Traffic was halted along the main road to allow the procession to pass.

The Christian community of Ramle numbers about 900, of whom 300 are Roman Catholics, 600 Greek Orthodox and about 70 Protestants.

Ration News

JERUSALEM — Cucumbers: 250 grams; fish, meat: 2, 2, 1, 1, 10. Provisions: 250 grams on Aleph and Tet coupons; 1 egg, 10. Provisions

17 More Shoe Points in July

POST Reporter

Sufficient hides have been ordered from abroad to cover the leather supplies that will be needed for the 17 new footwear points to be issued on July 15, a spokesman for the Ministry of Trade and Industry told *The Post* yesterday.

Points in addition to these will be released only after the Ministry is certain that the leather supplies are adequate for shoe manufacture and repair. Whether this supply will be sufficient depends on financial conditions. As there are indications that the country's economic position is improving, it is thought that greater quantities of hides will be ordered.

The spokesman said that the Government realized that leather allocations to the cobblers have been insufficient, but maintained that it was the best that could be done under the circumstances.

A sharp exchange took place between the Ministry and the Haifa cobblers sometime ago. They staged a strike and later received a month's quota of 36 tons of leather which were marked "Aleph," but which the cobblers claimed were inferior and partly rotting.

The Ministry claimed that an inspector who was sent to examine the leather confirmed that the material was top quality. The cobblers claimed that the investigation led to the dismissal of one Ministry official and the transfer of others. But the Ministry has denied the claim.

The Ministry has also announced that 75 tons are now being allotted to Haifa and that more will be made as soon as the supplies increase.

The cobblers also objected to the new price list approved by the Ministry which permits a price rise of 25 per cent over the 1949 prices (they wanted 50 per cent) and was made retroactive to last April 1. The Ministry noted that the retroactivity saved a number of cobblers from court suits for over-charging.

El Al Sets Up Wireless for Planes

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — A special radio station for the transmission of messages relating to aircraft and aerial movements has now been put into operation by El Al here. In a test transmission an answer was received from New York within 21 minutes of the dispatch of the original query.

Lydda Airport is now in constant teleprinter-radio communications with International Air Transport Association headquarters in Paris, and messages can now be sent speedily to all parts of the world.

The new transmitting and receiving station will also be available for the use of foreign air companies in Israel on a special payment-per-word basis. The station was set up under a special licence from the Ministry of Communications, and may be used only for air transport company messages.

The licence fee paid by El Al to the Israel Post Office is IL.1,000 per month.

The price of The Jerusalem Post was given on Friday last as 65 instead of 60 Prutot. There has been no change in the price and any inconvenience to readers is regretted.

Two Volumes More to Go In Ben Yehuda Dictionary

In a room in the David Building in Jerusalem, three persons are busily engaged in supervising the publication of the two remaining volumes of Eliezer Ben Yehuda's Hebrew dictionary. The 13th volume, the letters "resh" and "shin," was published recently, and was dedicated to President Truman, as reported yesterday.

Cards, with more than 1,000,000 entries made by Ben Yehuda, are kept in three large iron boxes, which Mr. Ya'acov Shertok, the father of the present Foreign Minister, presented to Mr. Ben Yehuda in 1908. No new entries are being incorporated into the dictionary, according to Mrs. Hemda Ben Yehuda, the widow of the Hebrew lexicographer.

Upon its completion, a supplement will be published containing the innovations introduced into Hebrew since Mr. Ben Yehuda's death in 1922.

The 13th volume is the first to be published since the establishment of the State. It is also the first not published by the Ben Yehuda family, but by the Ministry of Education.

The dedication of the 13th volume to President Truman is in keeping with the usage of dedicating each volume of the Dictionary to a person or institution of importance in Jewish life. The decision to dedicate the volume to Mr. Truman, as President of the country "first to grant recognition to the State of Israel," was taken a year ago at a meeting attended among others by Prime Minister Ben Gurion; Foreign Minister Sharett; Mrs. Ben Yehuda and the late Maurice Wertheim, a long-time friend of Mr. Ben Yehuda.

The first volume was dedicated to Baron Edmond de Rothschild and the second to Professor Otto Warburg. Others are dedicated to President Weizmann, the Histadrut, and to the Committee for the Hebrew Dictionary in London. Only one other volume has been dedicated to a non-Jew, the late South African Minister Jan Hofmeyr.

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J'lem Council Delays Decisions On Water Supply Proposals

The coalition in the Jerusalem Municipality last night, by a surprise move, prevented voting on the recommendations of the Joint Water and Financial Committee, after more than three hours of discussion. The discussion, during which three of the coalition members were absent and in which the Mayor, Mr. S.Z. Shragai, who had been Chairman of the Joint Committee, seemed to support most of the recommendations of the Histadrut-Progressive minority, indicated a victory for the opposition.

Dr. A. Amdur (General Zionist) proposed after the discussion to vote only on the recommendations unanimously adopted by the Joint Committee and to postpone the voting on the others till the next session to enable the members to examine them more carefully. This proposal was adopted, Mr. Shragai voting with the majority.

The unanimous recommendations included fundamentally to examine the budget of the Water Supply Department for 1951-2 by a subcommittee of the Joint Committee, in consultation with the Head of the Water Department and his assistants; to invite one or more technical and administrative experts to examine the water distribution and administration; and to hold a trial check of a relatively small number of water meters.

The controversial questions included: should the city acquire water meters sufficient for all flats in the town or only for the houses (a total of some 6,000); should the present system of collecting water rates — direct from the tenants — remain in forces or should they be levied on landlords; should the administration for the water supply to Jerusalem and its distribution inside the town be separated or not, and should the present price of water be maintained for the time being or be reduced?

The coalition members, on the whole, had recommended the first of each of these alternatives and the Histadrut-Progressive members with Mr. Shragai the second.

Earlier, the Council adopted the report of the Financial Committee regarding the levying of business tax. It was decided to include the free professions among the occupations required to pay a business tax to the Municipality.

It was also decided to request the Government to enable the Municipality to collect progressive taxes on the basis of the Government Income Tax; and to request the Government to raise the business tax to IL.500 anually from IL.250.

Settlement Asks For Water

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday (ITIM). — A delegation of ten men from the Mahane Yehuda settlement near here, occupied by newcomers from the Yemen, today entered the Petah Tikva Municipal Council room and demanded that the councillors hear their complaints on lack of water in their village.

They refused to leave even after the Municipal Engineer had explained to them that a temporary connection had already been made to their village from this township, which is itself short of water. The Mayor summoned police, and the delegation then left.

Gov't Asked to Pass On New T.A. Fares

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Municipal Council tonight decided to ask the Minister of Communications to increase the bus fares of lines four and five from 15 to 20 pruta. Mapai members abstained, while Mapam, the Communist member and Herut voted against the increase.

Mr. P. Tubin (Mapam) asked that fares be 25 per cent cheaper during rush hours, from six to eight a.m. and from four to six p.m., but this motion was defeated.

The proposed increases affect the fare for travelling along the whole route only. The Council also authorized the Dan company to charge night fares on Saturday evenings before 9 p.m. Express buses from the central station to the Second of November Square would also charge 20 pruta as compared with 15 by ordinary bus.

The Council decided that a representative of the Municipality should be admitted to the Traffic Board of the Dan company in order to coordinate traffic problems with the Municipal authorities.

Nathanya Raises Plot Tax, House Rates

NATHANYA, Sunday. — The Municipal Council here decided tonight to increase the tax on undeveloped building plots to four times the former rate, and to increase the general house rate by 20 per cent.

The increase in land taxes will not apply to owners of single building plots. The higher rates will be collected during the current financial year.

The motion to raise the rates was passed by the votes of the General Zionists, Herut and Hapoel Hamizrahi members. Left-wing and Progressive councillors abstained.

Mayor O. Ben-Ami told the Council that the municipal income would amount to IL.1m. this year.

A sports and amusements centre was opened here by Mr. Ben-Ami today. The centre, established by a new immigrant from Belgium, contains the first miniature golf course in the country. The sum of IL.20,000 was invested in the new project.

Policeman Beaten By Vendor

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A policeman in mufti who was investigating a complaint of black marketeering in a shop in the Carmel market here today was assaulted by a vegetable vendor who recognized him. The policeman was severely beaten.

Police summoned by passersby caught the alleged attacker on the seashore near Herbert Samuel Square where he had taken refuge in a boat.

Plainclothes men of the Economic Department of the police today arrested a milkman who allegedly ran a black-market dairy. The dairy was found in the laundry room on the roof of the milkman's house in a northern quarter of Tel Aviv.

The man was arrested because he poured out on the pavement the contents of his milk cans when stopped for an inspection of his milk early today.

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No further applications for permits to purchase tractors will now be entertained, the Field Crop Department has announced.

Marine Day Tomorrow

HAIFA, Sunday. — "Marine Day," initiated as an annual event by the Maritime League to make the nation more seaminded, will be observed here on Tuesday.

Official functions will begin with a reception given by the League at the Sailor's Hostel at 5 p.m. tomorrow. At 8 p.m. an open-air party will be held at the Panorama Garden on Mt. Carmel.

On Tuesday afternoon a festive parade will be held by the country's maritime youth clubs followed by boating events and contests on the Kishon river.

Deputy Mayor Hits Arrests

The Jerusalem Deputy Mayor, Mr. M. Glickman-Porush (Orthodox Bloc), yesterday denounced the arrests of those suspected of attempting to sabotage the Knesset and setting fire to vehicles.

Addressing an overflow crowd in the Zichron Moshe Synagogue, Mr. Porush recalled the arrests of Jews by the Mandatory Government. "No Jewish boy was ever kept over the Sabbath if I was willing to vouch for him," he cried out.

Several persons in the audience immediately retorted: "What about Rabbi Fishman?" (They referred to the forcible detention of Rabbi Maimon on a Sabbath).

Easier Under Mandate

Brushing aside the query he shouted: "The British used to open their files on the suspects for me. Often they tore up the files if I vouched for the suspect's character!"

He complained that since the establishment of the Jewish State he has not been able to secure the release of any suspect, including those recently arrested.

"Is this a democracy, where Emergency Regulations are used against persons for whom a Cabinet Minister gives guarantees?" he asked.

He also claimed that the statements made by the Superintendent of Jerusalem Police, Mr. Levi Avrahami, at a press conference the night following the arrests had been prepared by the Prime Minister's office.

"Nobody knows who set fire to the cars," he declared, "but from an unimpeachable source I have learned that the police know that a small group is responsible for the incidents and it includes mostly non-observant persons."

Letter to 'Chronicle' Claims Forgery

A letter to the Editor of the "Jewish Chronicle" stating that the signature of Rabbi Israel Brodie, Britain's Chief Rabbi, has been forged in a cable to Mr. Moshe Shapiro, Minister of the Interior, has appeared in the "Chronicle" of May 11.

The letter ran as follows:

Sir, — I am desired by the Chief Rabbi to ask you to bring to the notice of your readers the fact that a cable was recently addressed to Mr Moshe Shapiro, Israel Minister of the Interior, purporting to be signed by the Chief Rabbi and expressing certain views which are not the Chief Rabbi's on the subject of the position of religion in Israel. This cable is a forgery. No such telegram was sent, or caused to be sent, by the Chief Rabbi at any time. The signature on the cable form (which purports to be his) is likewise a forgery. The Chief Rabbi cannot sufficiently condemn the mischievousness of such dishonourable action.

The Chief Rabbi wishes me to state that if any person receives a communication apparently signed by or on behalf of himself and doubts its authenticity, such person should make inquiry at this office.

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50,000 Iraq Jews Face Starvation, U.N. Told

GENEVA, Sunday (UP). — The U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting here has received a warning from five Jewish organizations that 50,000 Iraqi Jews are in danger of starvation as a result of the adoption of anti-Jewish legislation in that country.

The protest listed three laws passed in the last year: the first requiring all Jews who wish to emigrate to register, thus automatically losing their citizenship; the second seizing their property; and the third freezing the assets of Jews outside Iraq. Some 50,000 Jews were left without resources "although it might be months before they can emigrate from Iraq."

The five organizations are: the World Jewish Congress, the World Agudat Israel, the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, the Coordination Board of Jewish Organizations and the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

New Iraq Party Authorized

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). —The Iraqi Government today authorized a new political party, the United Popular Front, which seeks to prevent Arab participation in any world war through strict neutrality and by raising living standards in Iraq. Former Prime Ministers Taha el Hashemi and Muzahim el Pachachi, and 19 ex-cabinet ministers and members of Parliament form the Party's Higher Committee.

A political observer writes that this group made its first attempt to form a new party under the name of National Front, which the Government refused to authorize as a legal party, upon which the organizers threatened Nuri Said's Cabinet with open revolt. The authorizing of the new party is thus to be seen mainly as a face-saving device for the present Cabinet.

More Rumours Of Korean Peace Moves

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Right-wing "Sunday Chronicle" reported today that the U.N. was secretly planning to make an offer for peace in Korea in the next few days.

The paper's diplomatic correspondent wrote: "The offer will carry a time limit of one week to prevent China from delaying a reply while the defeated Communist armies are rearmed. It will take the form of a twelve-nation declaration that the U.N. aim of a freed and united Korea should be achieved by negotiation rather than by further fighting."

The correspondent added: "the declaration will say that the U.N. aim is not to reconquer all Northern Korea. It will offer an official cease fire on or around the 38th Parallel to be followed by a peace conference on Korea and other Far Eastern issues.

The report said new instructions were being drafted for General Ridgway, Supreme Commander in the East. If the peace offer were rejected, Gen. Ridgway would be told to advance to a line across the waist of North Korea near the 38th Parallel and there establish an "impregnable wall of Allied fire-power," the correspondent claimed.

The "Sunday Times" carried a despatch from its Washington correspondent, saying that "the U.S. Government is now prepared to accept an armistice based on the 38th Parallel which would restore the situation as it existed before the North Korean attack last June."

French 'Alliances' Unite Enemies

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Political enemies have joined hands in electoral alliances for the June 17 French elections in an attempt to keep out Communists and Gaullists, according to figures published by the Ministry of Interior yesterday. Midnight on Friday night was zero hour for declaring alliances.

The new electoral system permits parties to fight the elections on their own programmes but at the same time to pool their votes in order to sweep the board, if possible, against Communists and Gaullists. The law states that all seats in a constituency will be divided proportionately between the parties of any "allied" group if the group jointly gets more than 50 per cent of the votes. If even an allied group fails to get an absolute majority, then all competing parties share the available seats on a proportional basis.

Moch in Alliance

Notable alliances include:

● Socialist Defence Minister Jules Moch and Popular Republican (Catholic) ex-minister Paul Coste Floret, who last year were at daggers drawn over the investigation into the loss of a secret report by General Georges Revers on Indo-China;

● Socialist Parliamentary Group Chairman Charles Lussy and Conservative ex-Premier Edouard Daladier, one of the fiercest enemies of Socialist planning and author of a proposed alliance between right-wing Radicals and Conservatives, which he has now abandoned in his own constituency.

In 53 out of the 103 metropolitan constituencies returning 544 deputies, all the Third Force parties from Socialist to moderate Conservatives have formed alliances. In 22 constituencies only two or three of the Third Force parties have reached an electoral understanding.

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Cables in Brief

POLES. — The Polish Sejm (Parliament) yesterday unanimously ratified the Soviet-Polish treaty changing two frontier areas of about 480 sq. kms. each that reportedly giving Poland access to oil.

ELECTIONS. — August 29 has been fixed as Jordan election day following the dissolution of Parliament by King Abdullah at the beginning of this month.

Kaplan Message To U.J.A. Rally

CHICAGO, Sunday (JNA). — Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan today called on U.S. Jewry to work for both U.J.A. and Bonds.

In a message to the U.J.A. Conference here, Mr. Kaplan said: "I congratulate the U.J.A. on the results obtained this year. I ask you on behalf of the Israel Government to make increased efforts to raise the maximum possible and I promise our full cooperation."

Mr. Kaplan was unable to attend the conference as he had been ordered by doctors to take a week's complete rest, but was reported to be improving. His message continued:

"All of you at this conference take pride in Israel and are good friends of Israel. For Israel's sake and for your own sake everyone who is a good freind of Israel cannot be loyal to only one way for mobilizing funds. Each person must recognize two ways: U.J.A. and Bonds.

RKO FILMS TO COME

Mr. Phil Reisman

Mr. Phil Reisman, Vice-President, in charge of foreign distribution of RKO Radio Pictures Inc., announced in Paris that the RKO was going to distribute the most important European films in the United States and Canada.

For this purpose a special organization to handle distribution has been set up in New York, by Ned E. Depinet, President of the Company, under the personal supervision of Robert Mochrie, Vice-President in charge of distribution in the United States and Canada.

In Paris another organization was founded to establish contacts with European producers for acquiring the foremost films for world-wide distribution.

Mr. Reisman called attention to the fact that this step was taken as a result of the first experience of RKO in distributing foreign films in Europe, such as "ANNI DIFFICILI" for France and Scandinavia, and "DOMANI E TROPPO TARDI" in Italy.

Mr. Phil Reisman expressed the hope that European producers would take advantage of the facilities offered them to ensure the greatest exploitation of their pictures throughout the world.

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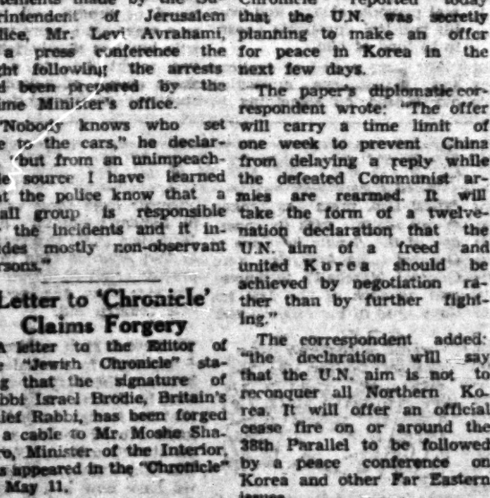

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IRAN'S PREMIER: POPULAR PUPPET

Moussadeq's Uncertain Future

By A Special Correspondent

IN two different respects the new Prime Minister of Persia is rather like an elderly Robespierre. He is an incorruptible fanatic, and also, like his flamboyant predecessor, he is a popular and admired figurehead set up by stronger and less attractive men.

In another respect he is likely to prove an involuntary Kerenski, since it seems more than probable that his regime will be the threshold to a Communist one. Dr. Moussadeq has admitted that his policy is helping the Communists, but asserts, as have others, that he will be able to subdue them when the time comes.

He has been bashful about revealing his age, and estimates range from 60 to 90. About seventy-five seems to be a fair guess. Since the Persian constitution enjoins retirement from the Majlis at the age of seventy, it is currently said in Teheran that Moussadeq has been celebrating his sixty-ninth birthday for the last six years.

Princely Family

He comes from one of the oldest, richest and most princely families in Persia and is himself among the largest landlords in this country of vast estates. He had a legal training at the Sorbonne when he was a young man, and has been spasmodically practising law and politics since that time. He even held the post of Foreign Minister for a few months during the embassy of that most unhysterical and traditional of British diplomats, Sir Percy Lorraine, and it is said that these two dissimilar men were warmly attached to each other during those early inter-war years.

It was not until 1944 that Moussadeq first captured the headlines of the Western press. In October of that year he brought before the Majlis a drastic bill prohibiting granting of new oil concessions.

Overnight Moussadeq has become a triumphantly popular figure in Teheran and since the bill was quite openly directed against the Russians, a minor hero in Britain and America. The "fanatic" of today was then a "loyal patriot"! Indeed the only people who were enraged by him then were the Russians and the formidable Tudeh Party. The Tudeh press accused Moussadeq of being a corrupt traitor in the pay of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

And indeed it must be said that his recent insistence that "the source of the nation's disasters lies solely in the existence of the Oil Company" is naive. On the other hand his belief that "whenever economic factors intervene, political factors enter also" is empirically all too easy to justify, and certainly the Persians have constantly alleged that the Company has been guilty of political intervention.

Western observers may be tempted to see Moussadeq as a purely comic figure. His dramatic swoons in the Majlis, the intemperance of his language and gestures (even in private conversation) and his apparently neurotic retirement to the sanctuary of the Majlis make him seem irresistibly absurd. His frail body surmounted by the great elongated head, so reminiscent at certain moments of Grock, the great clown, makes it no easier to take him seriously. Yet Moussadeq, despite his rather ignominious retreat from real or imaginary assassins, is a brave man, an honest man and, most important of all, a genuine epitome of his countrymen's qualities.

Dr. Moussadeq

Already before the last war he had shown his courage when he opposed a pet railway project of Reza Shah and was imprisoned as a result.

In contemplating the first of these factors British negotiators should have the perception to understand that Moussadeq is wholly impervious to common sense arguments of expediency. In spite of their long and bitter experience of nationalists, it seems impossible for the British to realize that Moussadeq would rather Persian oil ran into the sea, as it certainly would do if the Company were expropriated, than that foreigners should continue to exploit it. Although he may speciously claim that the expropriation of the Company would bring benefits to the poor of Persia, he is really quite indifferent to its results. The expropriation is an end in itself.

But the most important reason for taking Moussadeq seriously is that he is a genuinely popular and representative figure in Persia. He has real personal charm, and even his political opponents appear to be fond of him.

His long period of captious and monotonous opposition did indeed do something to lower him in public esteem, but it is now felt that his consistency has been rewarded and that his record has been somehow justified by its culmination in the premiership. In addition, he and his National Front—a somewhat divided group of eight in the Majlis—are the only members of parliament with any claim to have been freely elected.

Tragic Figure

In reality Dr. Moussadeq is not so much an absurd as a tragic political figure. He is surrounded by crooks, adventurers and madmen, all of them bent on pushing him forward while they lurk safely in the background. In fact it is impossible not to feel uneasy about the future prospects of this confused but passionate old man.

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VATICAN'S HOPES FOR BLOW AT COMMUNISM

Decisive Municipal Elections in Italy

By Mario Rossi

IN Italy, great importance is attached to yesterday's municipal election, for it will disclose to what extent Premier Alcide De Gasperi's pro-Western policies are backed up by popular support. That the election will be fought mainly over issues of foreign policy was shown in the opening campaign speeches by the leaders of Italy's two major parties—Christian Democratic (Roman Catholic) and Communist.

Premier De Gasperi invited Italians to support the rearmament programme and Atlantic Pact policies of his Christian Democratic government. Speaking for the opposition, Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti advocated instead a policy of neutrality for Italy, and pledged his party's support to any government (including Signor De Gasperi's) that would disentangle Italy from its present commitments to the West.

The other political parties have already taken position, the left-wing Socialists led by Pietro Nenni joining up with the Communists, while the newly formed right-wing Socialist party will support Signor De Gasperi's foreign policy. The Republicans are also on the Premier's side, but the conservative Monarchist and Liberal parties are split.

Communists' Control

The foremost reason for attaching so great importance to the municipal election is that Signor De Gasperi is determined to wipe out one of the main stumbling blocks to the full exercise of his power, namely, Communist control over some of the largest Italian cities. At the last local election, in 1946, the Left won control over 33 per cent of all Italian municipalities, including Genoa, Turin, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Modena. With but few exceptions, the largest cities in northern and central Italy are in communist hands. This goes a long way in explaining the almost absolute control exercised by the leftist General Confederation of Labour over the working class in cities most important not only for their size, but as Italy's industrial centres. It must be remembered that the Confederation of Labour represents another, and the greatest, challenge to Signor De Gasperi's power. The Christian Democrats hope that if the Communists were to suffer a reversal at the election, eventually the strength of the Confederation of Labour would also diminish.

Vatican's Hopes

Signor De Gasperi's party does not face the election under very favourable conditions. The exit of the right-wing Socialists from the Cabinet will enable the opposition to exploit the increased danger of clericalism. It is also in this perspective that the Pope's warning to Catholic Action not to meddle in politics must be read. But this warning loses much of its drive when the leader of Catholic Action, Luigi Gedda, is also the head of the Civic Committees which, at the 1948 national election, managed the propaganda campaign for Christian Democracy.

The Vatican is placing great hopes in the election. To the Catholic Church, friendly local administrations are more important than central power, for they wield a more direct control over the life of the individual citizen, including his education, and permit a more efficient organization of the Catholic Action movement, with its multiple social and educational activities.

Also Togliatti's offer to support the present Government if it follows a policy of neutrality will appeal to a number of Italians. Since the outbreak of the Korean war, and more especially after the Chinese intervention, neutralism has made headway in Italy.

Finally we must not overlook internal disputes, which make it every day more difficult for De Gasperi to keep his party together, and which undoubtedly will advantage the Rightist parties.

Left Losses

But the opposition too will find it quite difficult to hold its own. The situation today is a far cry from what it appeared in 1948. At that time, the Left was emerging from the underground, with the prestige deriving from its outstanding contribution to the war of liberation. Many voted Left as the most logical expression of opposition to Fascism. The cold war had not yet started and the Communists held important posts in the coalition cabinet.

Elections held in about 400 municipalities since 1948 have shown first a drop in Communist strength followed by a constant recovery. But the geographical distribution of the votes had significantly changed. The Communists were losing in the industrial North and gaining in the agricultural South.

If the new election should confirm this trend, all major parties would have to adjust their internal policy to a new and interesting situation.

TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Cahana and Marquet

CURRENT exhibitions at the Tel Aviv Museum offer an interesting study in contrasts with the provocative semi-abstractions of Cahana on the ground floor, the "comfortable" and eminently accomplished paintings of Marquet in the upper galleries and, obviously intended as an awful warning, examples of Israel poster-art on the topmost floor.

Cahana is a painter who prefers to invent rather than record. There is little doubt that though the objects he treats exist in his mind, he is most interested in their poetic or dramatic quality. What he attempts is a transcription or a transmutation of this particular quality into shapes and colours. But he is more than a creator of colour-patterns. A great deal of his work is truly expressive, and infused with strong poetic feeling. His "Dialogue at Night," for instance, needs careful scrutiny to discern that the point of departure is two reclining figures under a starlit sky, but its intense blues and blacks with the burst of colour high in the left-hand corner and its horizontal lines do convey something of the poetry and impenetrable mystery of the night. His "Sacrifice of Isaac" (the oil, not the gouache version) is more easily legible, and the play of forms and colour evoke a mood of drama and tension in a way that a more naturalistic but less deeply felt canvas might fail to do. For sheer charm of colour combinations and delightful textural quality, the small Houses (No. 7) is hard to beat. All in all, this exhibition of Cahana's recent paintings well repays study.

Albert Marquet

The retrospective exhibition of works by Albert Marquet, who died in 1947, came to Tel Aviv after having been shown in Jerusalem, and has already been reviewed in this paper. Although paintings from various stages in his career are on view, I do not think this distinguished painter is seen here at his best. My own favourite is the small "Green Shutters," an exquisite painting, full of light and coolness, and an example of what the creative artist can make of the simplest of subjects.

A climb to the top of the Museum reveals a sorry sight; there is not a single good poster among those displayed. Without exception they are all banal in both conception and execution. Let us hope that the recent Games and Lewitt-Him exhibitions have put our poster artists on their mettle for future work.

S. W.

Readers' Letters

PRAISE FOR POLICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Independence Day and all its parades, festivities, demonstrations and receptions are over, and your paper, like others, devoted a great deal of space to minute descriptions of all the events. But no paper found it worthwhile even to mention the Tel Aviv Traffic Police, who had the difficult task of guiding thousands of cars to the Ramat Gan Stadium, over unsuitable roads, and through throngs of pedestrians, for whom no pavements or special lanes are provided. The clearing, on the next day, of nearly all the major streets in Tel Aviv for the "Parade of Achievement," was a perfect job perfectly executed.

Clearly, nobody remembers that policemen had to work overtime, and unpaid overtime, while everybody else was free to enjoy himself.

Yours, etc.,
H. S.

Tel Aviv, May 11.

FOND MEMORIES

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I would be very pleased indeed to hear from all my friends who belonged to the Tudor Lodge No. 4809, R.A.O.B.G.L.E., Jerusalem. It is over four years since I left Jerusalem and I wish I could return there as a civilian and not as a civil servant. I can still remember as if yesterday the marvellous times and the hospitality I used to enjoy in Jewish houses there.

It was a great pleasure for me when I used to go to the Hadassah Hospital to give blood. The staff there was always most kind and generous.

Once again I take pleasure in thanking you all for the good times I had in your homes and cafes. If at any time I could help any of you I would be pleased to do so.

Yours, etc.,
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KEEPING POSTED

WHAT little contact we have had with the great has made us suspect that it is not always enough to judge what should be done; in addition there must be the ability to get the thing done, however unexpected the obstacles. It may be, of course, that this is peculiarly a part of the flavour of life in Israel, compounded of perpetual language difficulties, inadequate public services, and untrained staff that takes a job less in order to keep going at it than as a stepping-stone to the next thing.

The occasion for this excursion into philosophy is a slight incident that occurred very late one night last week at the Knesset, when a Note was being prepared by the Israel Government for transmission to the U.N. Chief of Staff on a matter of the greatest urgency. The Knesset had been sitting late over the debate on the Emergency Regulations, and the Cabinet was unable to meet to consider this other problem until after 9 o'clock. There was a discussion, a decision was taken and, in due course, a Note was drafted and approved. By then it was midnight, there were Cabinet Ministers still around, but the secretarial staff had long disappeared. The Note now had to be properly typed. *The Jerusalem Post*, appealed to, regretted: at that time of night it has editors, but not a single good typist. There was not time to go and wake up a typist if the Note was also to be given to the press the same night.

Then, in firm adherence to the old Zionist tradition that if insuperable obstacles were once to be admitted one might as well give up at once, the Acting Prime Minister, who was holding four acting portfolios, in addition to that of Foreign Minister at the time, sat down to the machine. In no time he had demonstrated that, with a little time and care, even a non-professional typist can produce a presentable document.

THE U.S. press has broken all records with its coverage of the Senate hearings of General MacArthur's and General Marshall's testimony, and on each of the first ten days or so of the sessions used

more paper daily merely in reporting the testimony than the entire Israel press uses in over a year. In the first three days the "New York Times" devoted 185 columns (equal to six complete issues of The Jerusalem Post*) to recording the verbatim report alone. Other papers rejected thousands of dollars-worth of advertisements to make room for the several pages of hearing reports. During the first week, while General MacArthur was testifying, the Associated Press sent over its teletype wires 235,000 words of the report—equal to ten complete issues of this paper, or three or four long novels. At the same time, having looked at a collection of American reports of Mr. Ben Gurion's visit (photographs and excerpts from these appeared in Sunday's edition of* The Jerusalem Post*) it seems likely that America read in much greater detail about the Israel Premier than the people of this country did.*

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IF there is such a thing as an approach to normalcy here between the major crises, it may be illustrated by the fact that the foreign football teams have proved to be so great an attraction lately. Following the Yugoslavs some time ago, we have now had a team of Danes. On Wednesday a team from Dundee will play its opening match, and the railways will run a special train from Haifa to bring fans—a commonplace in Britain, but something new in Israel. The experts mourn that over the past 15 years Jewish boys have had little time to play systematic soccer, so that there is now a shortage of skilled veterans to train the new generation of players. In any case, we understand, footballers cannot expect to amount to much if they did not start at four years old with a rag ball, and play steadily ever after. Making sure of his future, perhaps, was the 10-year-old who came early and captured a seat on the press bench at the last international match between the Maccabi and the Danish A.G.P. team. He declared that he was a reporter, and tried to borrow a pen because he had left his at home.... We regret to have to report that this piece of initiative was not appreciated, and that he was turned out.

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WE have followed up the fate of the young man who euphoniously advertised for "housing and mousing" privileges in Jerusalem for himself and his cat. He tells

us that he has not yet succeeded in finding a room (nor has the student who sought house-room for himself and his electric refrigerator, to be shared by the landlady), but that two people have tried to buy the cat. One reply he received asked him to bring the cat along, to see whether the family liked her, which he did. The deal did not come off. He adds, a little sadly, that they had seemed to like the cat.

A payment of 500 pruta is made for any contribution accepted for this column. This week's contributors are H.O. and Shimon Zahari, Tel Aviv, and Kiwan Gratz, Jerusalem.

THREE NATIONS COULD PROVIDE 2,500,000 MEN

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — The U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Mr. John Peurifoy, is quoted here today as declaring that Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia together could probably provide at least 2,500,000 men in the event of a general war. The State Department released for publication excerpts from a radio interview last Thursday which contained this comment.

"PAY-OFF"

As all is fair in politics, neither the Government nor the Mapai (and the handful of supporters behind it in the Knesset) can object to this crusade. A pre-election campaign aiming to change the government is not an occasion for an exchange of drawing room compliments. Hyperbole is the least of the attendant refinements of a such a campaign, and stretching a point here, colouring a fact or suppressing a fact there, are all in the day's work. Exaggeration and embroidery are part of the game, and as the heat rises, so does the clamour and the pitch.

There is, then, the hysterical demand for the Knesset to consider "impeaching" the Acting Prime Minister and the Minister of Police. Mr. Bernstein, for the General Zionists, is unable to decide which is the greater calamity — the application of the Emergency Regulations or the temporary halt of drainage on seven Arab acres. For the Herut, Mr. Meridor solemnly avers that we are very hungry, and that Mr. Sharett's foreign policy is not less to blame than Mr. Kaplan's economic line. "Al Hamishmar" gloats that Israel has been betrayed by the West in that Israel's share of the proposed Congressional grant is likely to be substantially less than the $150m. applied for. And the Orthodox papers, embarrassed by the disclosure that religious protagonists were conspiring to take the law into their own hands, are doing their utmost to place the mortification they might reasonably be supposed to suffer, where it does not belong; heaping coals of vituperation on the Government's head.

It is doubtful whether the Government is in need of comfort or counsel; or the Israel Labour Party, for that matter. The artificial union of the six Knesset factions, running from Mapam to Herut, is an *ad hoc* combine for an *ad hoc* operation. Lacking so much as a germ of stability or of basic integrity, the strange partnership is doomed to collapse, once its common task of bringing the Government of Israel into disrepute is discharged. It is not the first time that the Party which has led a people through a revolution and a war is assailed by a combination of political fragments who but for the successful leadership would not be here to exercise their constitutional rights. As has been said, in another context, "Each revolution begins with a phenomenal outburst of popular energy, impatience, anger, and hope. Each ends in weariness, exhaustion, and disillusionment of the revolutionary people." Israel has been luckier than most countries in that it has been spared disillusionment. But the Party that in the war of liberation gave the fullest expression to the people's mood, gained the confidence of the masses and rose to power, must expect to be challenged — for such is what the Americans so fittingly call the "pay-off." It is a weak and vacillating Party that is paralysed by the prospects of such a reward. And The Israel Labour Party is neither vacillating nor weak.

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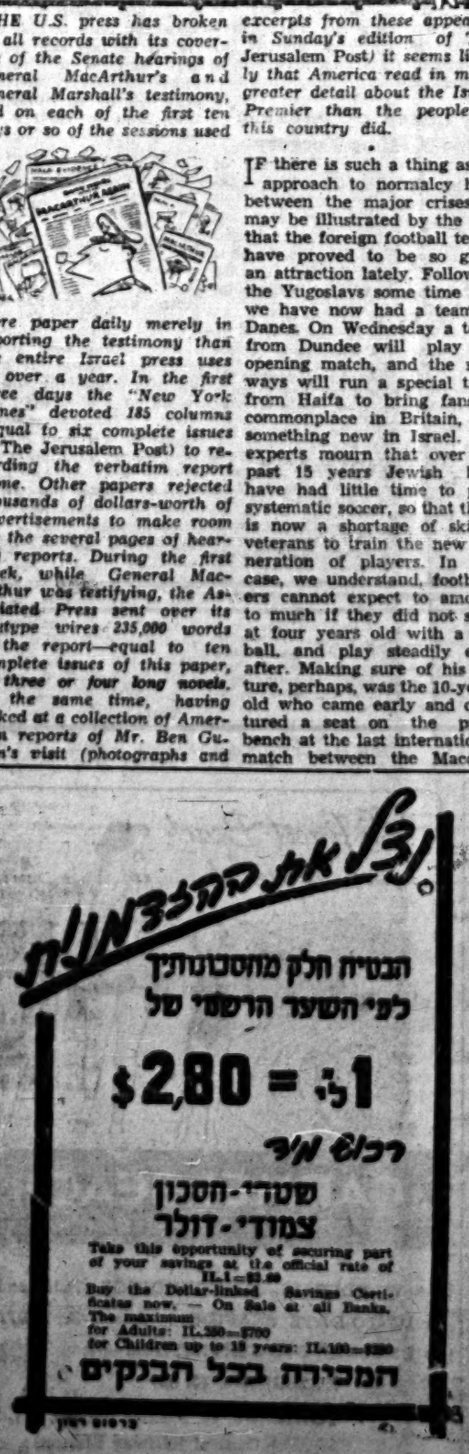

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